

Nixon Is Reported Prepared to Act On Nuclear Treaty

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—Sec-
 of State William P. Rogers was
 reported today to have in-
 formed key legislators that the
 Nixon Administration will be
 prepared to proceed with con-
 sideration of the treaty to pre-
 vent the spread of nuclear
 weapons in early February.

An informal message from
 the Secretary of State to senior
 members of the Senate Foreign
 Relations Committee appeared
 to be the first indication that
 President Nixon had withdrawn
 his reservations against imme-
 diate ratification of the treaty.

The treaty was submitted to
 the Senate last July by Presi-
 dent Johnson but it became
 stalled in the Foreign Relations
 Committee after Mr. Nixon,
 during the campaign, said that
 American ratification would be
 inappropriate in view of the
 Soviet-led invasion of Czecho-
 slovakia in August.

In the new Congress, the
 Senate leadership has made
 clear that it was ready to pro-
 ceed with consideration of the
 treaty. To avoid partisan com-
 plications, however, the lead-
 ership has been desirous of re-
 ceiving a formal recommenda-
 tion from President Nixon that
 the time had come to ratify
 the treaty. Such a commitment
 may be given by Mr. Nixon at
 his first Presidential news con-
 ference tomorrow.

Even if the Foreign Relations
 Committee should hold new
 hearings on the treaty in early
 February, it is expected that it
 will be early March before the
 document is approved by the
 Senate and ratified by the
 United States.